As regards the diverting of the drain to the south of the tobacco bankshall, the President of the Municipality was addressed on the subject and his reply has not been received. As soon as it is received, action will be taken.

The member submitted that the water in the wells was very bad and that the people were suffering from it very badly. Successive Dewan Peishkars themselves had seen this place and they were convinced of its bad effects on the people around the locality.

PRESIDENT: The Municipal President, I dare say, realises that the drain in its present state is a crying evil and will send up his report soon. Necessary action will be taken as soon as his report is received.

As regards the establishment of a Middle School at Kottar already a proposal from the Municipality to open a school and to run the same from Municipal funds has been received and the Director of Public Instruction has also stated that he is prepared to hand over some of the buildings of the old Kottar High School to the Municipality. The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

You mention about the raising of the standard of the Kottar High School into a College. The subject is new but will receive consideration.

In regard to the removal of the cremation ground that you mention, on this subject the President has not offered any remarks and in a municipal problem like this the Government would naturally like to have the opinion of the Council.

The member said that Dewan Peishkars and Dewans had inspected this site.

PRESIDENT: The President's opinion has also to be got before Government can pass any orders. He will be asked to express his opinion on the subject.

About the removal of the fish market from Kottar, the Municipality has recommended that the fish market should be removed to some other spot. But the fisherfolk appear to have objected to such a proposal being carried out. It is the wish of the Dewan that he should inspect the spot before any orders are passed.

96. Needs of Alleppey.

MR. S. VEERIAH REDDIAR (*Member, Mercantile and Trading Classes, Alleppey*) spoke on the following needs of Alleppey:—

A bridge should be built at Chunkam connecting the northern and southern banks of the canal.

A foot bridge should be built across the canal between the Kochukadapalam and the Kannanvarki bridge.

Another bridge should be built between the Kannanvarki bridge and the Kothuvalchavadi bridge.

Bridges should be built at the timber depot, Vazhisserikadavu and Y. M. C. A. ferries.

The bridges across the Commercial Canal should all be rebuilt so as to make them fit for motor traffic.

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The Alleppey town should be extended and roads, parks etc., should be provided in up-to-date fashion. An expert in town-planning should be deputed by Government to do the work.

Government should make proper arrangements for ensuring a good supply of water for Alleppey.

The portions of the Commercial Canal to the west of the Kothuvalchavadi bridge should be deepened.

Concrete retaining walls should be built on the banks of the canal wherever they were not already provided.

The Alleppey town should be connected by roads with Changanachery and Kottayam.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Veeriah Reddiar, as regards your first need for the Alleppey town, a bridge at Chunkam, materials have already been received and the work is being started. As for the foot bridge between Kochukadapalam and Kannan Varki bridge, there is already a cart bridge and the provision of a foot bridge in addition does not seem to be necessary. As regards the foot bridge between Kannan Varki bridge and Kothuvalchavadi bridge, these two bridges are quite close to each other and a foot bridge midway between these two is also considered to be unnecessary. As regards the bridges at the Timber Depot, Vazhichery ferry and the Y. M. C. A. building, the Chief Engineer has suggested the provision of a 10′ wide bridge at Vattakotta. He has been requested to report regarding all the three bridges proposed, considering also the question of making them wide enough for future traffic requirements.

In regard to the reconstruction of all the bridges in the Commercial Canal, the Chief Engineer considers that one for the main town road and another for the trunk road need alone be sufficiently strong to carry the heavily laden buses and that the other bridges need only be capable of carrying light motor cars and eight seaters. It will be very costly to make all the bridges in the town capable of bearing the weight of heavily laden buses.

The member then pointed out the narrow state of the bridges which made it very difficult for a man in the middle of a bridge to move aside for the car that might come on the bridge to pass.

PRESIDENT: It will of course be desirable that there is at least just space enough for a man to stand and allow the car to pass. Such of the bridges as are too narrow to admit of this will be taken up for widening.

As for the deepening of the Commercial Canal, this is being done year after year whenever it gets shallow.

The member pointed out that at present it was too shallow for boats to pass.

PRESIDENT: If it is so shallow as to prevent the passage of boats the Chief Engineer will be asked to do the needful.

For the provision of concrete retaining walls for the third section of the Commercial Canal, an estimate has been sanctioned. The work has not been taken up yet as funds have not been allotted; and possibly the Chief Engineer will move for funds at the next session of the Legislative Council.

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There is a proposal for providing a cart road to connect Alleppey with the M. C. road at Pallam. The idea is that the road may be taken along the northern bund of the first stage of the reclamation. It will be about 10½ miles long and will cost about Rs. 30 lakhs. The question will receive due consideration at the hands of Government.

As for town planning for Alleppey there is an idea to get down a town-planning expert to prepare a scheme for the town of Trivandrum, and possibly when he is got down a scheme for Alleppey may also be taken up.

In regard to water supply to Alleppey town I shall refer you to my reply to Mr. K. T. Raphael's representation.

97. Needs of Changanachery.

MR. POTHAN PHILIPOSE (*Member, Mercantile and Trading classes, Changanachery*) said that the route proposed for the new Alleppey-Changanachery canal was defective in many respects. The idea of Government was apparently to take the canal round the Kavalam river to Karithodu and to Vazhapally and from there to follow the course of the existing canal to Changanachery. But this was a very circuitous route. It would be by far better to open a canal from the Changanachery market landing straight to the west, across the big block of paddy fields to the west of Changanachery and east of the Veliyanad river, in the direction of the Primary School, Veliyanad North, and from there to the canal to the south of Mangalamkayal at Kunnummel. This route would be only 10 miles in length. Simultaneouly with the opening of the canal, a road could also be formed along its banks with the earth dug out and with that the long-expected land route between Alleppey and Changanachery would be established. Another point which had also to be mentioned was the width of the canal. The portions of it that were already opened were not more than 40 feet wide. The width should be increased at least to 60 feet so as to admit of the free passage of motor boats and steam boats through the canal.

A canal should be opened through the Kusakkudi Punja fields in Changanachery. A private land-owner had already opened a canal through the fields. This should be acquired by Government and made wider.

A new Traveller's Bungalow should be built at Changanachery, preferably in the Kottapuram side.

A lady doctor should be appointed in the Changanachery hospital. This will have the two-fold effect of relieving the pressure of work of the present men doctors and also of affording proper medical aid to the women patients coming to the hospital. The appointment of a lady doctor was particularly necessary in the interests of Nambudiri, Kshatriya and Mahommedan women, of whom there were not a few in the town.

A branch of the State-aided Bank should be established at Changanachery. This would enable the officers of the bank to come into direct contact with the merchants of the locality and would open the way to the latter getting help from the bank.

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